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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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445 Twelfth Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC to
Discontinue the Provision of Service.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC (CBT) submits the enclosed Application for Authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules to discontinue LAN Advantage Frame Relay in the CBT service area. LAN Advantage Frame Relay service is found in Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Tariff No. 35, Section 18, in the Ohio PUCO Tariff No. 2 and in the Kentucky PSCK Tariff No 2, Section 17. CBT Grandfathered LAN Advantage Frame Relay Service via FCC Transmittal No. 879, effective September 13, 2013. On or after February 1, 2015, subject to the Commission's authorization, CBT will no longer offer LAN Advantage Frame Relay Service in its service area. There are currently two LAN Advantage Frame Relay customers remaining in the CBT operating area. An example of the customer notification letter is attached.

Questions concerning this Transmittal should be directed to Mike Bishop at the above address, by phone at (513) 397-1231, or by email at mike.bishop@cinbell.com.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick M. Crotty".

Patrick M. Crotty
Corporate Counsel

Enclosure

Cc: Public Utilities Commission for Each Impacted State
Governor of Each Impacted State
Secretary of Defense, Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Rodney McDonald, Esq.

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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In the Matter of)
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Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati)
Bell Telephone Company LLC for)
Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the)
Communications Act of 1934 to)
Discontinue the Provision of Service)

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**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION OF CINCINNATI BELL TELEPHONE
COMPANY LLC TO DISCONTINUE THE PROVISION OF SERVICE**

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC ("CBT") hereby submits this Application for Authority under Section 214(a) of the Communications Act and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("the Commission") rules to withdraw LAN Advantage Frame Relay Service in CBT's service area. LAN Advantage Frame Relay Service is found in FCC Tariff No. 35, Section 18, in Ohio PUCO Tariff No. 2 and in Kentucky PSCK Tariff No. 2 Section 17. As required by Sections 63.71(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, CBT provides the following information:

1. Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (b)(2)):

Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC
221 East Fourth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(2), (b)(2)):

Subject to the Commission's authorization to discontinue service pursuant to Section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(c), the LAN Advantage Frame Relay Service contained in FCC Tariff No. 35, Section 18, in Ohio PUCO Tariff No.

2 and in Kentucky PSCK Tariff No. 2 Section 17 will no longer be offered in CBT's service area on or after February 1, 2015. CBT grandfathered Frame Relay Service via Transmittal No. 879, effective September 13, 2013.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), (b)(2)):

LAN Advantage Frame Relay Service found in FCC Tariff No. 35, Section 18, in Ohio PUCO Tariff No. 2 and in Kentucky PSCK Tariff No. 2 Section 17 will no longer be offered within CBT's service area.

4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected. (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(4), (b)(2)):

LAN Advantage Frame Relay Service is a transport service that facilitates the exchange of variable length information units (frames) between end customer connections by way of assigned Permanent Virtual connections (PVCs). Frame Relay Service equipment has been manufacturer discontinued. Spare parts to maintain service are increasingly more difficult to obtain.

There are currently two customers for CBT's LAN Advantage Frame Relay Service in CBT's service area. Both customers have expressed their intentions to move from LAN Advantage Frame Relay Service by December 31, 2014, thus the public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this proposed service discontinuance.

5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to all Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71 (b)(3)):

CBT grandfathered Frame Relay Service via Transmittal No. 879, effective September 13, 2013. CBT notified customers of the discontinuance of LAN Advantage Frame Relay Service by letter sent via U.S. mail on September 3, 2014. Copies of the

customer notification letter is appended hereto as Attachment A. The letters informs affected customers that, with the required Commission approval, CBT plans to discontinue LAN Advantage Frame Relay Service as of February 1, 2015.

Copies of this Application are being sent via first class U. S. Mail to the Governors of Ohio and Kentucky, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the Public Service Commission of Kentucky and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense, as required by Section 63.71 (a) of the Commission's rules.

6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71 (b)(4)):

CBT is considered dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.

CONCLUSION

CBT Respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: Patrick M. Crotty
Patrick M. Crotty
Corporate Counsel
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I, Patrick M. Crotty, do hereby certify that I have on this 4th day of September, 2014, caused a copy of the foregoing "Section 63.71 Application of Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC to Discontinue the Provision of Service" to be served by U.S. mail upon the following:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602

The Honorable John R. Kasich
Governor's Office
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-6108

The Honorable Steve Beshear
Office of the Governor
700 Capital Avenue, Suite 100
Frankfort, KY 40601

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301


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Attachment A

Cincinnati Bell

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[DATE]

[Customer Name]
[Customer name –line 2 (if needed)]
[Customer Address]
[City, State, Zip]

Re: Withdrawal of Frame Relay Service

Dear Cincinnati Bell Business Customer:

For more than 140 years, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company has been delivering high performance, reliable business communications services. In order to continue building on our rich heritage of innovation and deliver services that customers are demanding, we are accelerating our investment in the network. We are proud to say that no other service provider in the region is investing in their network like Cincinnati Bell.

Your company is currently purchasing Frame Relay service from Cincinnati Bell, which is a product that has reached the end of its useful life. Please consider this letter to be Cincinnati Bell's formal notice that, subject to the approval of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), Cincinnati Bell plans to withdraw its Frame Relay Service on or after February 1, 2015.

If you also subscribe to other services from Cincinnati Bell, those services will NOT be impacted by the anticipated withdrawal of the Frame Relay Service. Your services will remain in place with no change to the applicable rates, terms, or conditions.

Cincinnati Bell is dedicated to providing the finest business communications services and customer care available, allowing you to focus on your business. Cincinnati Bell is committed to working with you to insure a smooth transition to an alternative product to meet your business needs. Your current Cincinnati Bell Account Manager and Project Manager will continue to work with you during this transition.

Sincerely,

Michael Herrmann
Vice President, Product Management
michael.herrmann@cbts.net
513-345-2319

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Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC is required by the Federal Communications Commission to provide the following statement:

The Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address comments to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of **Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Ohio customers may contact the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for assistance at 1-800-686-7826 (toll free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or at www.puco.ohio.gov. Hearing or speech impaired customers may contact the PUCO via 7-1-1 (Ohio relay service.)